



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Stono Park Elementary
Charleston**

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 358

Principal: Ruth B. Taylor

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley

Board Chair: Mr. Hillery Douglas

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	At-Risk	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

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GOOD

0

AVERAGE

13

BELOW AVERAGE

66

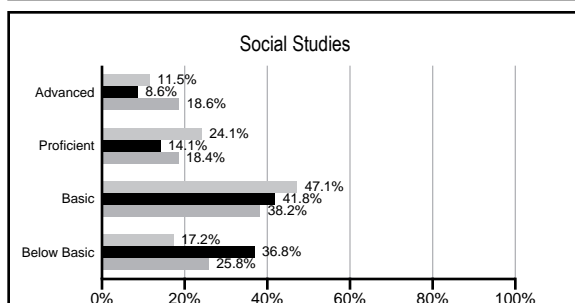
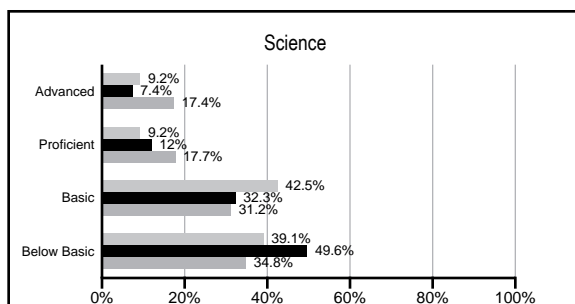
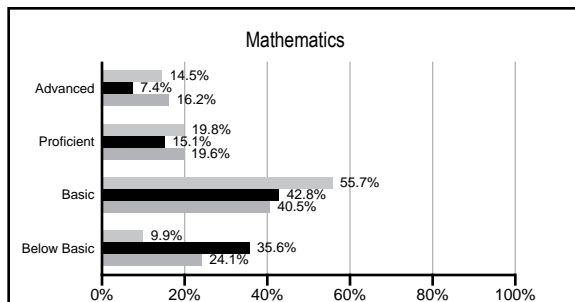
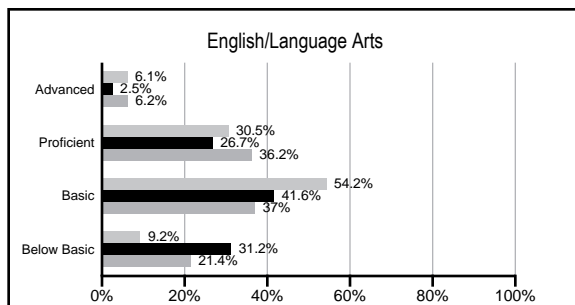
AT-RISK

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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

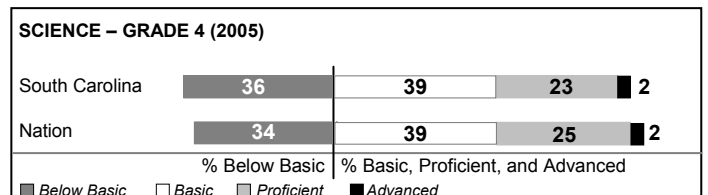
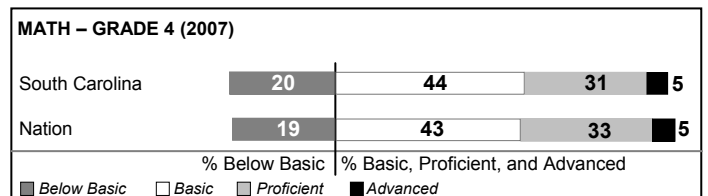
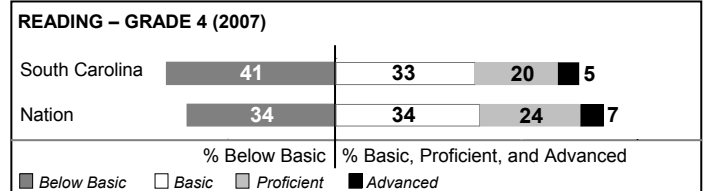
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=358)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Up from 2.3%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.0%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.2%	Up from 2.6%	3.9%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	2.5%	Up from 1.3%	7.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.6%	Up from 48.3%	54.8%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	85.2%	Up from 82.8%	70.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.1%	Down from 89.6%	83.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.2%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,447	Up 4.7%	\$43,988	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.5%	0.5%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Up from 15.3 to 1	16.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 90.6%	89.1%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,075	Down 3.7%	\$7,870	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	74.0%	Up from 70.9%	69.1%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	70.2%	Up from 66.4%	62.8%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		73.7%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	45	24
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.8%	75.6%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.6%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	84.4%	95.7%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-08 school year brought about many changes, some celebrations, and some challenges. We're proud to report that Stono Park was the recipient of the "Safe Routes to School" grant sponsored by the City of Charleston and funded by the Department of Transportation. With this grant, up to \$200,000 will be used to make the route to school safer for our families.

With a decreasing budget, we have steadily lost personnel each year. Because of the large numbers of students in grades 4 and 5 and the limited resources to hire a teacher for each grade level, the decision was made to create a 4/5 combination class. Our teacher coach worked closely with these grade levels. Also, in an effort to continue with our goal to improve classroom instruction, thereby improving student achievement, teachers took part in the CHAMPS Classroom Management Training program and revamped our school-wide discipline plan.

One of our focuses this year has been aligned with the district's goal to increase our writing scores. All teachers have attended Six Traits Writing professional development, and the writing craft is often the topic of our Teacher Curriculum Team meetings. We budgeted to have writings from our students in grades 4 and 5 professionally scored to determine our strengths and weaknesses and to plan instruction accordingly. We're exploring "School Choice" options that include a focus on written communications.

Our PTA, School Improvement Council, and Title I board continue to work hard and support the mission of our school. They represent Stono very well at district and state functions. Through collaboration, Title I funds and PTA fundraisers were earmarked to improve technology use. We purchased SmartBoards, Elmos, and Classroom Performance Systems to enhance instruction. We continue to strive to increase parent involvement with such events as our "Taylor Talks" open forum with the principal and our "Breakfast with Dad" morning, which was a huge success.

In addition to our academic focus, our guidance counselor has given our students opportunities for service learning by starting our very successful Recycling Club. We continue to encourage and prepare our students for a successful future by stressing positive character skills and lifelong guidelines through our "Blue Ribbon Kids for Character" program.

With our hard-working and dedicated staff, and with the help of our great families, the Stono Park Dolphins continue "Surfing to Success."

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Pauline Nelson, SIC Chairperson

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